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Applicant : Shinji Kawai et al  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 19, 2005, the applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, namely protein and agent claims 1-4 and 6-10. The non-elected claim 5 is retained for the time being, and it is planned to introduce limitations placed into the Group I claims into the corresponding method claim 5. In this regard the Examiner's kind comments regarding possible rejoinder are noted with appreciation.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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